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Description: ff. i + 70 - ca. 1500. North Italian dark brown calf over thick, beveled wooden boards, sides triple-framed with multiple blind fillets, a ribbon of interlaced ropework inside the outermost frame, irregular knotwork ornament in center of each cover, five brass nailhead studs on each cover, chased brass catch on lower cover, trace of clasp on upper; back with two raised bands decorated with blind fillets (back and hinges restored), modern leather label. - Denis Duveen, acquired from H. P. Kraus, Inc. (bookseller), New York; Mellon MS 91, acquired with the Duveen collection. Gift of Paul and Mary Mellon, 1965. - Witten, Laurence C. and Pachella, Richard. *Alchemy and the Occult: A Catalogue of Books and Manuscripts from the Collection of Paul and Mary Mellon. Volume Three: Manuscripts*, Mellon MS 4.

Notes: -Manuscript on parchment of Anonymous (with the exception of two short recipes attributed in the text to St. Theodora and Hermes), Medical and alchemical recipes. Includes remedies for various human and equine ailments, as well as recipes useful in preparing varicolored glass, acids, and inks.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 0

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Language: Italian *Country:* Italy *Century:* 14th

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Part 1:

Description: - parchment - 145 x 113 (93 x 76) mm.

Country: Italy

Region: North Italy (Genoa?)

Assigned Date: [ca. 1385]

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Cardinal point:

City:

Searchable Date Range: 1385 - 1385

Inscribed Date:

Number of Scribes:

Script: Neatly written by one scribe in a rotunda (littera Bononiensis) with some admixture of Gothicoantiqua forms.

Notes: Red ink for capitals and headings for most procedures; faint guide letters for capitals in margins are frequent.

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Number of Texts: 1

Text 1:

Title: Medical and alchemical recipes.

Subjects: Hermes, Trismegistus.; Theodora, Saint, d. 491.; Alchemy--Early works to 1800.; Formulas, recipes, etc.; Manuscripts, Medieval--Connecticut--New Haven.; Medicine, Medieval.;

Language(s): Italian